



Bell Boats Onsite

HAZARD		WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	RISK CONTROL MEASURES
General (see also site specific general hazards)	All hazards	All Participants & Staff	Trained and assessed Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (S.O.L.D) staff to facilitate ensuring safe supervision of participants. All participants to be briefed clearly throughout session. Staff must follow operational procedures of activity sessions. See 'general' risk assessment for S.O.L.D.
Human	Drowning - capsize, falling, overboard, falling in from bank	All Participants and Staff	Participants must wear buoyancy aids. 20m throw lines carried in the boat. Staff to brief and supervise safe use, boarding & exiting craft.
Human	Injury to body as a result of deep water rescue	All Participants and Staff	Roll person into boat taking care of upper body. Use a rope or sling as a step-up device. Paddle to shallow area.
Human	Helm getting knocked out of boat	All Participants and Staff	Participants briefed prior to session and S.O.L.D staff use commands effectively to stop the boat close enough to swim to the boat.
Equipment	Hit by paddle	All Participants and Staff	Participants briefed prior to the session and made aware of potential hazard and how to minimize through paddle technique

Equipment	Capsize	All Participants and Staff	All participants must wear Buoyancy Aids and 20m throw lines carried within the boat. All participants will be briefed about capsize before commencing session. Supervised craft use
Equipment	Entrapment and entanglement	All Participants & Staff	Participants to be taught correct rope and sheet practices and techniques. Supervised by instructor / coach. Any equipment carried should be appropriately secured with no long loose trailing lines or loops. Safety brief given on entrapment if sitting with legs under seats or in air pocket of upturned Bell Boat. Bell boats must have connection points checked as part of user checks. Staff to carry a easily accessible water knife. Staff are aware of the stages of rescue for entrapment: swift response, count heads, right the boat, free the participants then rescue the participant. Any lines should be kept short, tidy, elastic maintained so that fixtures and fitting do their job effectively.
Equipment	Collision with other vessels	All Participants and Staff	S.O.L.D staff appropriately trained to deal with situation. Means of communicating between staff on the water.
Environment	Locks and lock gates closing on a boat	All Participants & Staff	All participants are under the supervision of qualified instructors who are trained and assessed in safe lock usage. Ideally where possible lock through without participants onboard. TYM lock gates staff are to not operate close to their vicinity to avoid entrapment when closing/opening